

## **REMARKS**

Claims 3-13, 15-19, and 21-24 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claims 1, 2, 14, and 20 standing cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Turning now to the art rejections, Claims 1, 4-6, 13-17, 20, 22, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Nayebi in view of Pidutti; Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Nayebi in view of Pidutti and further in view of Schuelke; and Claims 11, 12, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Nayebi in view of Pidutti in view of Leighton.

These cancellation of Claims 1, 2, 14, and 20 and the amendments to the remaining claims to depend from an allowable claim obviates the rejection of these claims.

Applicants appreciate the indication that if Claims 3, 7-10, 19, 21, and 23 were rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, these claims would be allowable.

Claims 3, 7, 19, 21, and 23 have been placed in independent form.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is

respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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